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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1078

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BILL AMENDED: Jan 19, 2010

SUBJECT: Golf Carts on County Highways; Registration of Collector Snowmobiles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dembowski

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Charbonneau

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Golf Carts on County Highways*. This bill revises provisions governing the use of golf carts on certain county roads. It provides that an ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts on county roads must require that (1) an individual who operates a golf cart on a county road hold a driver's license; and (2) a fine assessed for a violation of the ordinance be deposited in the general fund of the county. The bill specifies that the violation of an ordinance governing the use of a golf cart on a state highway in the county is considered an ordinance violation (instead of a Class C infraction).

Registration of Collector Snowmobiles. This bill requires a collector snowmobile to be registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in order to be operated on public property.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Registration of Collector Snowmobiles*. The DNR may experience an increase in administrative expenses associated with adopting rules. However, the DNR should be able to cover any additional expenses given its existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Golf Carts on County Highways*. Requiring the operator of a golf cart to possess a driver's license may increase the number of driver's licenses in the state. The fee for a driver's license is \$21. The following funds are affected.

Distribution of Annual Registration Fee	Fee
Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA)	\$6.00
Crossroads 2000 Fund	\$3.00
BMV Tech Fund	\$0.50
Anti-Terrorism	\$1.25
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC)	\$10.25
TOTAL	\$21.00

(Revised) *Registration of Collector Snowmobiles*. The bill provides for a registration fee for collector snowmobiles. Assuming that 500 collector snowmobiles will be registered, additional revenue is estimated at \$15,000. Snowmobiles must be registered once every three years. Fees are deposited into the Off-road Vehicle and Snowmobile Fund, which is administered by the DNR and used for enforcement and the construction and maintenance of off-road vehicle and snowmobile trails.

Generally, collector snowmobiles are used only during special events, such as parades and shows.

The Treasurer of State invests money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund.

(Revised) *Registration of Collector Snowmobiles-- Penalty Provision*. Violators may be subject to a Class C infraction. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Background Information: The number of golf carts in Indiana is not known.

The Motor Vehicle Highway Account may be used for road construction, reconstruction, and maintenance for cities, towns, and counties. The MVHA also supports entirely the operation of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a significant part of the operation of the Department of Transportation, about 61% of the operation of the State Police, and part of the operation of the state Department of Revenue.

The Crossroads 2000 Fund supports highway bonding.

The BMV Tech Fund supports technology for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The Anti-Terrorism fee supports the Integrated Public Safety Commission (IPSC). The IPSC operates Project Hoosier SAFE-T. Project Hoosier SAFE-T (Safety Acting For Everyone-Together) is an initiative of the IPSC. The Commission works with local, state, and federal public safety agencies to implement a statewide, interoperable, digital, 800 MHz trunked voice and mobile data communications network for public safety officials. SAFE-T will provide 95% statewide mobile coverage through a baseline design of 126 communication sites. SAFE-T seeks to replace inadequate, obsolete, and incompatible communications systems and allow interagency coordination and response to routine, emergency, and catastrophic events. Public safety agencies independently choose whether or not to participate in SAFE-T.

The BMVC is supported by the state License Branch Fund, which operates the license branches throughout the state.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Golf Carts on County Highways.* It is not known how many violations will occur from using golf carts on certain roadways under the jurisdiction of a county. The bill allows for a fine for violation of the traffic ordinance adopted by a county prohibiting the use of golf carts on certain roadways. This revenue is to be deposited into the general fund of the county.

(Revised) *Registration of Collector Snowmobiles--Penalty Provision.* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected: DNR; Department of Transportation; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State Police; Department of Revenue, all as recipients of MVHA distributions.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties which adopt an ordinance regulating the use of golf carts on certain roadways; trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

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